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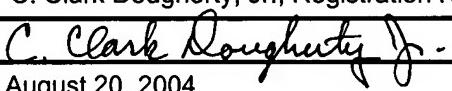
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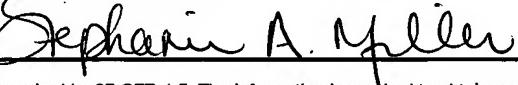
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The Office Action mailed on July 8, 2004 has been carefully reviewed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.